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Women, Infants, Children. Supplemental feeding is being provided under careful medical supervision for 635,000 women and children.

The origins of President Ford's proposal to boost the cost of food stamps to the poor are cloudy. The tendency is to blame that popular villain, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz whose department has the say-so on food and nutrition. A candidate given credit by those in the know is Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget. But the President took it and, short of action by Congress, his order will prevail.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA

(Ms. HOLTZMAN asked and was given permission to extend her remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Ms. HOLTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am resubmitting, with 24 cosponsors, a resolution of inquiry calling on the President to disclose to the House Judiciary Committee all information he has regarding possible criminal acts committed by the Central Intelligence Agency. I originally submitted this resolution on behalf of Congressman JOHN BURTON and myself at the beginning of this Congress. The resolution has been referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Our resolution is narrowly focused. It does not inquire into the CIA's adherence to or violation of its own charter. Other legislative proposals will—and should—deal with those questions. Rather, the resolution is concerned with the extent to which the CIA has engaged in surreptitious entry, burglary, intercepting mail, wiretapping and electronic surveillance not pursuant to court order, and maintaining files on U.S. citizens—thereby engaging in the violation of Federal criminal statutes.

The Judiciary Committee has oversight responsibility for the enforcement of our Federal criminal laws. The recent allegations regarding the CIA make it imperative that the committee determine whether the existing laws are themselves sufficient to deter Government agencies from violating the laws and abusing the rights of citizens.

Allegations of high-handed and criminal behavior by the CIA are a very serious matter. Surely one of the principles on which our system is based is that nobody is above the law—not the President and not the CIA. It is imperative that agencies of Government, as well as private citizens, be made to abide by our laws.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution when it comes to the floor.

The 24 cosponsors of the resolution are: Ms. ANZUG, Mr. BADILLO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. HARRINGTON, Mr. HAWKINS, Mr. HELSTON, Mr. JENNETTE, Mr. KOCH, Mr. METCALFE, Mr. MITCHELL of Maryland, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. ROSENTHAL, Mr. ROYBAL, Mr. SOLARZ, Mr. STARK, Mr. STOKES, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEAVER, and Mr. CHARLES H. WILSON of California.

TO DESTROY US WILL BENEFIT FROM COMPROMISING AND INTERFERING WITH CIA?

(Mr. SIKES asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, on the 22d of December, the New York Times charged that our foreign intelligence service, the CIA, "directly violating its charter, conducted a massive illegal domestic intelligence operation."

Even though in the ensuing controversy a Presidential commission was appointed and congressional committees are lining up to investigate the charges, it is already abundantly clear that the activity which is under attack and which may have been used purposely to stir up the fuss:

Was not a domestic operation;

Was not in violation of CIA's charter; and

Was not illegal.

The Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. William E. Colby, has flatly denied in sworn testimony given to congressional committees, this New York Times allegation.

Mr. Speaker, the essential facts have already been well-publicized:

CIA was asked, starting in 1967, to help determine if anti-American foreign elements were exploiting dissident movements within the United States;

Likely targets of such exploitation, individuals and organizations, were identified in leads supplied mostly by the FBI; and

CIA's job then was to report back to the FBI or other appropriate authorities on their foreign travel—where they went, who they saw, what they did abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I submit that the foreign aspect of this situation fits foursquare within the CIA's foreign intelligence charter—there simply is no other Federal agency intended for or capable of the job of intelligence collection abroad. In fact, failure to carry out such an assignment would be tantamount to a dereliction of duty.

Now it is clear, Mr. Speaker, that this intelligence collection program abroad has either been misunderstood or someone has been the victim of intended distortions. But to confuse matters further, someone has lumped together with this program several undertakings within the United States—activities anyone is free to either applaud or deplore—designed to protect intelligence sources and methods—an obligation imposed upon the Director of Central Intelligence by the National Security Act of 1947.

Mr. Speaker, I am one of those privileged to sit on the Appropriations Committee which considers, evaluates and rejects or approves CIA's budget. I know how costly some of our intelligence collection systems are. I am aware that countermeasures can deny us the benefit of vital information. I am aware of the threat to the safety of individuals

who collaborate with CIA, if their secrets are compromised. Therefore, I am going to err, if I must, on the side of zealotry in protecting these matters. But, Mr. Speaker, I also believe in congressional oversight and the checks and balances of our constitutional system. I am aware that the CIA is specifically proscribed from internal security functions. If someone has evidence that CIA has disregarded this limitation, I want to know. I am in a situation where such matters can be discreetly explored and corrected if need be.

This Nation has been fortunate to have had a distinguished succession of Directors of Central Intelligence—Mr. Colby, Mr. Schlesinger, Mr. Helms, Admiral Raborn, Mr. McCone, Mr. Dulles, to name some. They are dedicated men—dedicated to our Nation, the need for objective intelligence. They have been served by equally devoted professionals within CIA who helped give us the type of intelligence product which:

Made possible treaties on nuclear weapons, SALT;

Monitored crises;

Saved the Nation literally hundreds of millions of dollars by accurately assessing the force structure against us; and

Forestalling miscalculations by our own leaders.

Mr. Speaker, such people are the preservers of our system, not its destroyers. Let us not, in the aftermath of all that we have gone through these recent years, indulge ourselves in an emotional binge which could conceivably undermine that one institution in our Federal structure which is assigned the essential task of giving us the unvarnished truth about the world around us. Let us remember, institutions after all are only the length and breadth of the shadows of those who work within them. Let us not now unfairly besiege and beleaguer those who have served so well. Let us give them the tools and the oversight they deserve and need. Who but the people who seek to destroy us will benefit from compromising and interfering with CIA?

WHO WILL AWARD DAMAGES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION?

(Mr. SIKES asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, one of the more ridiculous court actions of recent times is an award of \$10,000 each to lawbreakers who sought to shut down our country. Nevertheless, that is what has happened in the case of 1,200 demonstrators who were booked by police in Washington during the May Day invasion of the Capital in 1971. It is to be hoped that a higher court will overturn this absurd decision.

When the demonstrators came to Washington vowing to shut down the Capital City and the Government of the United States, they came here deter-